

Please insert the following Abstract:

An ultraviolet water treatment system is provided for treating water moving through a treatment area in a direction D. The system includes a series of ultraviolet modules disposed in side-by-side relationship in the treatment area. Each module includes an ultraviolet lamp and a pair of vertical supports with one support of each module being deemed an upstream support and one support being deemed a downstream support. The upstream supports of the respective modules are non-aligned and at least two of the upstream supports are staggered in the direction D and lie generally in separate transverse planes with respect to direction D.